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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD FORMER KOREAN VESSEL WIN KWATT

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1. KOREAN FLAG TUG WIN KWATT ARRIVED SUBIC MORNING MAY 17 WITH 103 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BOARD, PLUS KOREAN CREW OF 19. MASTER OF VESSEL REQUESTED AUTHORITY OFFLOAD REFUGEES AND WAS INFORMED OF POLICY GUIDANCE REGARDING REFUGEES ON THIRD COUNTRY VESSELS. MASTER REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO EFFECT ENGINE REPAIRS AND SOUGHT PROVISIONS AND WATER. SUBIC INDICATED THESE WOULD BE PROVIDED. MASTER SAID HE INTENDED RETURN SINGAPORE

2. MATTER OF REFUGEES ON BOARD KOREAN FLAG VESSEL PRESENTED TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHANG EVENING MAY 17. HE REQUESTED FURTHER DETAILS OF SHIP'S REGISTRY, ETC. WHICH PROVIDED TO HIM MORNING MAY 18, BUT KOREAN EMBASSY MADE NO MOVE TO CONTACT MASTER UNTIL MAY 19 WHEN PHONE CALL MADE BY KOREAN CONSUL TO SUBIC, BUT NOT

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FOLLOWED UP.

3. ON MORNING MAY 18, FIFTY OF REFUGEES ON BOARD WIN KWATT OFFLOADED AND PLACED ON GRANDE ISLANDN DUE SEVERE OVERCROWDING AND EXCEEDINGLY LIMITED SPACE ON BOARD. NUMBER REFUGEES REMAINING ON BOARD ESTIMATED AT 55.

4. WHILE WIN KWATT STILL UNDER PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE SUBIC, VESSEL PURCHASED MAY 19 BY AMERICAN CITIZEN T. SHELDON MAUST WHO HAS PRESENTED BILL OF SALE TO EMBASSY AND HAS ASKED USG TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES REMAINING ON BOARD. MAUST HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENT TO REGISTER WIN KWATT AS U.S. FLAG VESSEL AND TO PLACE AMERICAN CREW ON BOARD. PENDING DISPOSITION OF REFUGEES, FINALIZATION OF PURCHASE AND COMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR REGISTRY, HOWEVER, VESSEL REMAINS AT SUBIC UNDER KOREAN FLAG.

5. REFUGEES ALREADY OFFLOADED WILL HAVE TO BE PLACED IN PIPE LINE BUT NEED DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE URGENTLY WHETHER OTHER 55 ALSO CAN BE ACCEPTED.
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